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POCKET-SIZE CIRCULAR GIVES WATERFOWL HUNTING INFORMATION

Distribution of a million copies of a <u>Digest of 1960-61 Waterfowl Hunting</u>

Regulations prepared in convenient shirtpocket size as a ready-reference for waterfowl hunters desiring information about the current hunting regulations was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

This is the first time the <u>Digest</u> has been published. It supplements but does not replace the customary <u>Migratory Bird Regulations 1960-61</u>, the complete and official hunting regulations issued by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. This official copy is available from Federal and State conservation officials but in much more limited supply than the <u>Digest</u>.

Distribution of the <u>Digest</u> is being made by Federal and State conservation officials and by Regional Offices of the Bureau which are making the circular available at local sources throughout the country.

The  $\underline{\text{Digest}}$  is a 10-page publication. Page size is about three inches by four inches. It gives the shooting seasons, bag and possession limits for each State. It also gives the shooting hours.

It stresses that under the regulations canvasback and redhead ducks have full protection throughout the country. It lists the equipment such as snares, traps, electronic calls, live birds as decoys and numerous other things which cannot be used in the legal harvest of the waterfowl. It also lists and briefly explains methods which are permitted. It emphasizes that hunters should always check their State regulations for possible additional restrictions beyond those listed in the Federal regulations.